

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The message of the President is as follows:

To the Senate of the United States:

With a view to receiving the advice and consent of the Senate to ratification, I transmit herewith the Geneva At of the Hague Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Industrial Designs (the "Agreement"), adopted in Geneva on July 2, 1999, and signed by the United States on July 6, 1999. I also transmit, for the information of the Senate, a report of the Department of State with respect to the Agreement.

This Agreement promotes the ability of U.S. design owners to protect their industrial designs by allowing them to obtain multinational design protection through a single deposit procedure. Under the Agreement, U.S. design owners would be able to file for design registration in any number of the Contracting Parties with a single standardized application in English at either the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office or at the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO). Similarly, renewal of a design registration in each Contracting Party may be made by filing a single request along with payment of the appropriate fees at the International Bureau of WIPO. This Agreement should make access to international protection of industrial designs more readily available to U.S. businesses.

In the event that the Senate provides its consent to ratify the Agreement, the United States would not deposit its instrument of ratification until the necessary implementing legal structure has been established domestically.

I recommend that the Senate give early and favorable consideration to this Agreement and give its advice and consent to its ratification, subject to the declarations described in the accompanying report of the Department of State.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, November 13, 2006.

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2006

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 2:15 p.m. on Tuesday, November 14. I further ask that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved, and the Senate resume consideration of H.R. 5385, the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs appropriations bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, tomorrow we will continue to work on the bill we

began today, the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs appropriations bill. The bill's managers, Senators HUTCHISON and FEINSTEIN, were here today and will be here on the floor tomorrow. Senators should consult with them at the earliest time possible if they want to have an amendment considered to this important funding bill.

We do expect to complete this legislation tomorrow afternoon. Senators are reminded we will be voting tomorrow late afternoon, and we will alert everyone once a vote is scheduled.

As I mentioned earlier this morning, we plan this week to do a continuing resolution, to do a Vietnam trade agreement, and to do the U.S./India nuclear agreement, as well as other appropriations bills as they come to the floor.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 2:15 P.M. TOMORROW

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:02 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, November 14, 2006, at 2:15 p.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate November 13, 2006:

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

MARK EVERETT KEENUM, OF MISSISSIPPI, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE FOR FARM AND FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL SERVICES, VICE J.B. PENN.

COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION

MARK EVERETT KEENUM, OF MISSISSIPPI, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION, VICE J.B. PENN.

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

SCOTT A. KELLER, OF FLORIDA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, VICE STEVEN B. NESMITH, RESIGNED.

SAINT LAWRENCE SEAWAY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

CHARLES E. DORKEY III, OF NEW YORK, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE ADVISORY BOARD OF THE SAINT LAWRENCE SEAWAY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, VICE JAMES S. SIMPSON.

MORRIS K. UDALL SCHOLARSHIP AND EXCELLENCE IN NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY FOUNDATION

DAINE HUMETWEA, OF ARIZONA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MORRIS K. UDALL SCHOLARSHIP AND EXCELLENCE IN NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY FOUNDATION FOR A TERM EXPIRING AUGUST 25, 2012, VICE RICHARD NARCIA, TERM EXPIRED.

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

ANTHONY W. RYAN, OF MASSACHUSETTS, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY, VICE TIMOTHY S. BITSBERGER.

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

ANDREW G. BIGGS, OF NEW YORK, TO BE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SECURITY FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 19, 2007, VICE JAMES B. LOCKHART III.

ANDREW G. BIGGS, OF NEW YORK, TO BE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SECURITY FOR A TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 19, 2013. (REAPPOINTMENT)

UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

KATHERINE ALMQUIST, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, VICE LLOYD O. PIERSON, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

LEON R. SEQUEIRA, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF LABOR, VICE VERONICA VARGAS SIDIVENT.

NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

WILLIAM FRANCIS PRICE, JR., OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON THE ARTS FOR A TERM EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 3, 2012, VICE EVELYN DEE POTTER ROSE, TERM EXPIRED.

ROBERT BRETLEY LOTT, OF LOUISIANA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON THE ARTS FOR A TERM EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 3, 2012, VICE TERESA LOZANO LONG, TERM EXPIRED.

CHARLOTTE P. KESSLER, OF OHIO, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON THE ARTS FOR A TERM EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 3, 2012, VICE KATHARINE DEWITT, TERM EXPIRED.

JOAN ISRAELITE, OF MISSOURI, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON THE ARTS FOR A TERM EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 3, 2012, VICE DON V. COGMAN, TERM EXPIRED.

BENJAMIN DONENBERG, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON THE ARTS FOR A TERM EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 3, 2012, VICE MARIBETH MCGINLEY, TERM EXPIRED.

FORESTORY HAMILTON, OF NEW YORK, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON THE ARTS FOR A TERM EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 3, 2012, VICE MARY COSTA, TERM EXPIRED.

CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

RICHARD ALLAN HILL, OF MONTANA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE FOR A TERM EXPIRING JUNE 10, 2009, VICE JUANITA SIMS DOTY, TERM EXPIRED.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

TERRY L. CLINE, OF OKLAHOMA, TO BE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, VICE CHARLES CURIE, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

PAUL A. SCHNEIDER, OF MARYLAND, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY FOR MANAGEMENT, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, VICE JANET HALE, RESIGNED.

POSTAL RATE COMMISSION

DAN GREGORY BLAIR, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE A COMMISSIONER OF THE POSTAL RATE COMMISSION FOR A TERM EXPIRING OCTOBER 14, 2012, VICE GEORGE A. OMAS, TERM EXPIRED.

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

ELLEN C. WILLIAMS, OF KENTUCKY, TO BE A GOVERNOR OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE FOR A TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 8, 2016. (REAPPOINTMENT)

FOREIGN SERVICE

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED PERSONS OF THE AGENCIES INDICATED FOR APPOINTMENT AS FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICERS OF THE CLASSES STATED.

FOR APPOINTMENT AS FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICERS OF CLASS THREE, CONSULAR OFFICERS AND SECRETARIES IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

LAURIE JEANNE MEININGER, OF CALIFORNIA

FOR APPOINTMENT AS FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICERS OF CLASS FOUR, CONSULAR OFFICERS AND SECRETARIES IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

MARSHALL C. DERKS, OF VIRGINIA

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED MEMBERS OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE TO BE CONSULAR OFFICERS AND/OR SECRETARIES IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AS INDICATED:

CONSULAR OFFICERS AND SECRETARIES IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

HEATHER BYRNES, OF ALASKA

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

PATRICK M. AGENTS, OF VIRGINIA
JAMES D. APPLEGATE, OF MICHIGAN
MAHA ANGELINA ARMUSH, OF TEXAS
CHUKA NNONS ASIKE, OF MARYLAND
JAYSHREE BALASUBRAMANIAN, OF NORTH CAROLINA
JASON J. BECK, OF UTAH
RICHARD CLEVELAND BLACKWOOD, OF VIRGINIA
PATRICK A. BOGUE, OF VIRGINIA
STEPHANIE ELIZABETH BOSCAINO, OF VIRGINIA
JEFFREY D. BOWAN, OF WASHINGTON
THOMAS SCOTT BROWN, OF WASHINGTON
CHRISTIANNE CARROLL, OF CALIFORNIA
JEFFREY JOHN CARY, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
MICHAEL G. CATHEY, OF CALIFORNIA
JAMES A. CATTO, OF SOUTH CAROLINA
PERRY YANG CHEN, OF VIRGINIA
GABRIELLE ANN COLLINS, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
WILLIAM EVAN COUCH, OF ALABAMA
CORNELIUS C. CREMIN, OF CALIFORNIA
CHRIS CURRAN, OF NORTH CAROLINA
ROBERTO CUSTODIO, OF FLORIDA
T.A. DADISMAN III, OF VIRGINIA